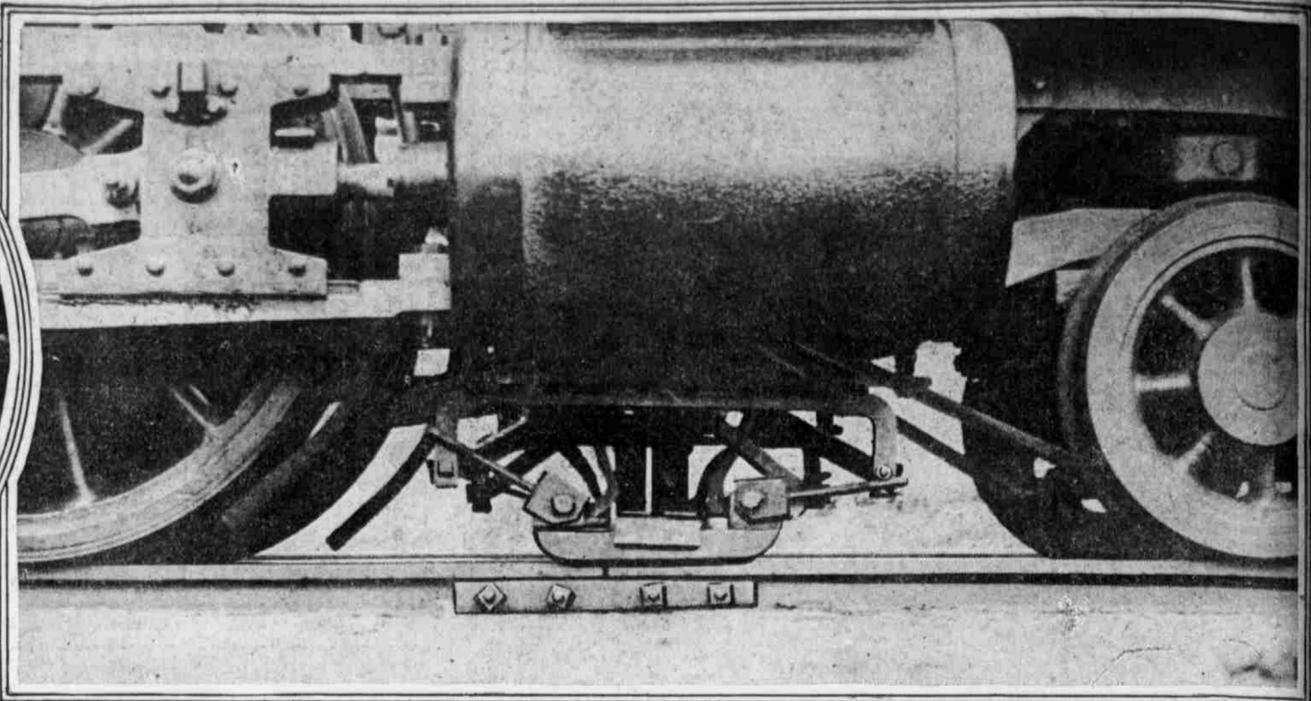
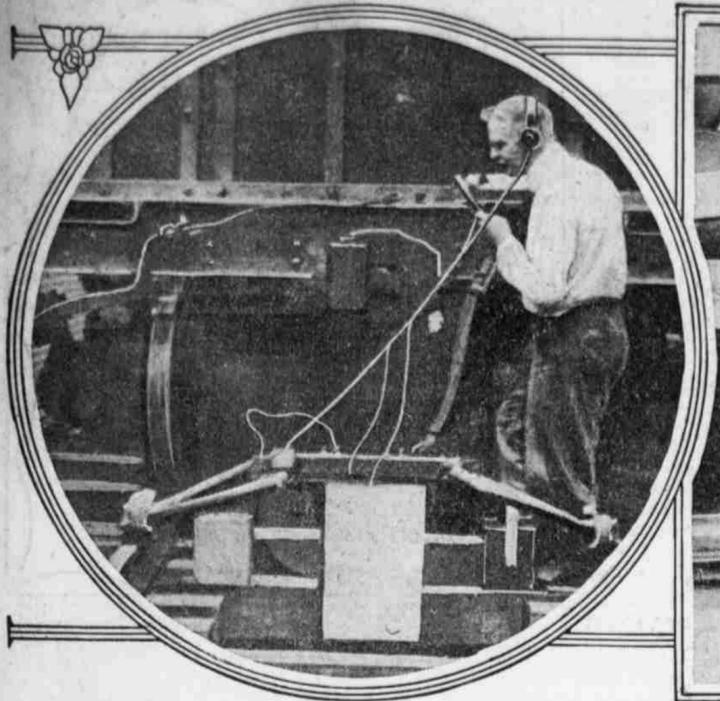
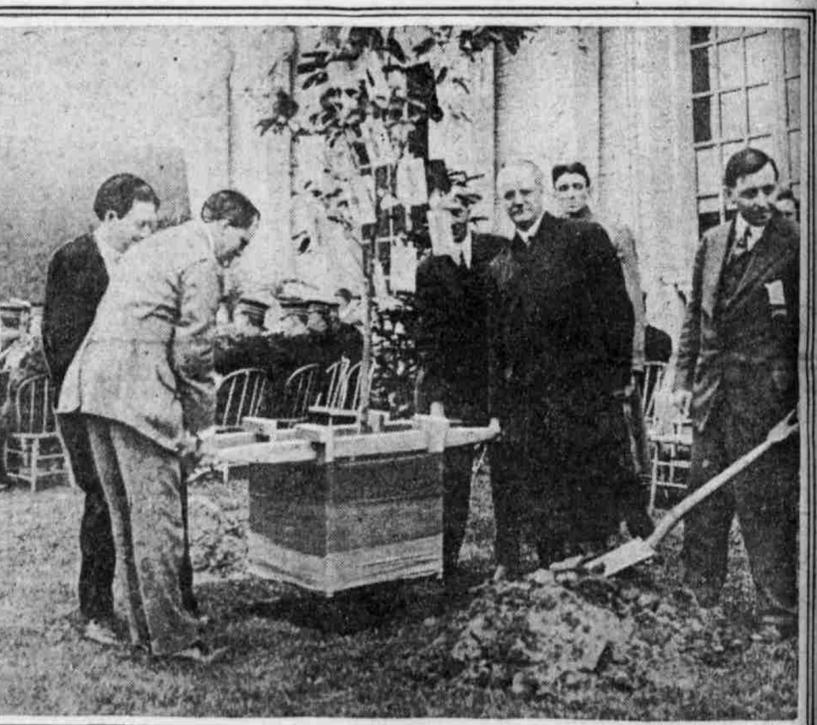
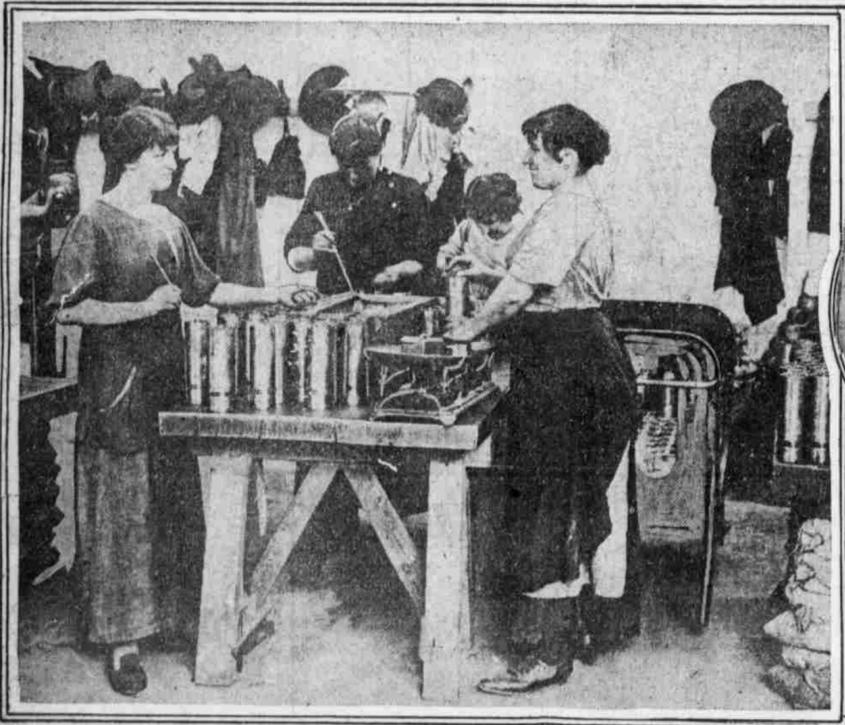


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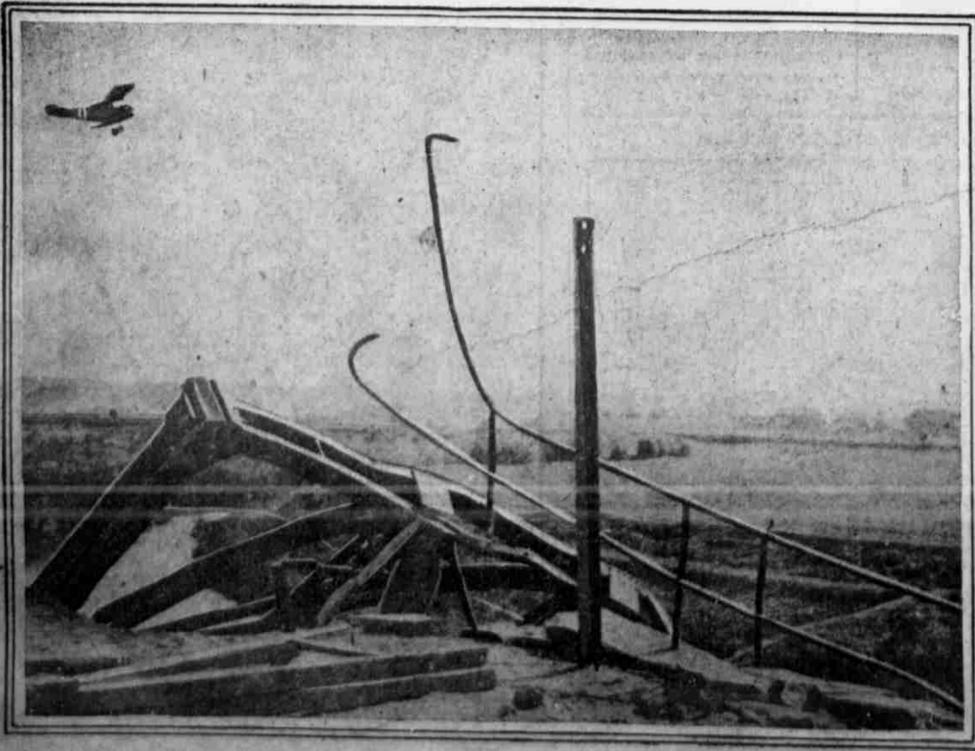
**TELEPHONING FROM PHILADELPHIA TO NEW YORK BY USING THE RAILS AS CONDUCTORS INSTEAD OF THE USUAL WIRES**  
The picture at the left shows George W. Macfarlane, inventor of a device for telephoning from railroad trains, talking under a freight car at Bridesburg to a friend in New York. This was the first time two persons have ever conversed by means of rail conductors. The device prevents the current from being short circuited by the wheels and axles. The picture on the right shows how the device is attached to a locomotive between the front wheels. In addition to being used as a telephone, the apparatus acts as an automatic safety check by regulating the speed of the train according to the position of the train ahead, thus eliminating the human element and insuring absolute safety, according to the inventor.



**WOMEN REPLACE MEN IN AMMUNITION FACTORIES OF FRANCE**  
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One of the most important industries of the countries now at war is the manufacture of ammunition for the men at the front. The accompanying photograph is now a common scene in France. The women are seen filling the shells with shrapnel in one of the factories at Chamond. The situation is a reminder of pioneer times in America, when women loaded the guns for their husbands.

**TRAVELING BAG AS LIFE PRESERVER**  
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A Norwegian has invented this bag. It can be converted into a waterproof suit.

**HUMORISTS PLANT TREE ON WHICH TO HANG THEIR CHESTNUTS**  
At their convention in San Francisco the American Press humorists were accorded a day at the exposition. They planted a chestnut tree on which each of the 75 members contributed his oldest chestnut. After the tree was planted the chestnuts were opened and read to an audience of 5000.



**GERMAIN AIR SCOUT SAILING OVER BATTLEFIELD FROM WHICH RUSSIANS FLED**  
Photo by Underwood & Underwood.  
In the foreground are the broken and twisted supports of a bridge blown up by the Russians in their retreat. At the left the tiny specks over which a cloud of dust hangs are German troops moving up in their new positions.

**ITALIAN BICYCLE PATROL USING FIELD TELEPHONE**  
Photo by Underwood & Underwood.  
That the men now fighting the Austrians in Alpine passes are well-clothed and well-equipped is evidenced by this photograph which has just arrived from the front.